

FORM B - BUILDING

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78/4

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Area(s)

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1037

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
Massachusetts Archives Building



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village) The Manor

Address 76 Blake Road

Historic Name John & Margaret Harris House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1938

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation concrete

Wall/Trim wood shingle

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

attached garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 11,560 SF

Setting 20th century residential subdivision



Recorded by Lisa Mausolf

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 2000

## BUILDING FORM (76 Blake Road)

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

Notable as a published example of a "Manor" house, 76 Blake Road is a 2 1/2-story, side-gabled dwelling constructed in 1938. Set on a concrete foundation, the wood-shingled house displays a three-bay wide facade with a second story, "Garrison"-style overhang. The center entrance contains a six-panel door flanked by full sidelights which are two panes wide. The pedimented porch is supported by two Roman Doric columns resting on a brick stoop. On either side of the entrance is a 8/8 window with shutters. Centered over the entrance is a second-story round window filled with simple tracery and accented by four voussoirs.

The left gable end is two bays wide and displays an exterior brick chimney. The elevation is fronted by a single-story sunporch with sliding windows. A single-story glazed breezeway connects the house to a single-car, gablefront garage with an overhead door facing the street. The rear roof slope is spanned by a shed dormer sheathed in vinyl siding. There is a modern bay window on the rear elevation. The lot, located at the corner of Preston Road, is outlined by a picket fence.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

This house was constructed in 1938 for John and Margaret Harris. It was part of the Lexington Building Trust subdivision, a plan of which was prepared in May 1937 (see Middlesex County Book 6132 Page 28). The property includes lots 9, 10, 11 and part of lot 12 of the subdivision, and encompasses 11,560 square feet. A plan of the property was prepared in 1938. In 1939 the house was valued at \$7250.

The Harrises continued to own the property until 1977 when it was sold to the present owners.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.  
Lexington Directories, various dates.  
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*